

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, with profound respect to the hon. Minister, we hear some questions are loaded. But in this case, the answer is very loaded. Mr. Minister, should we presume that this NIF is just a signpost? It started in November. You are going to complete 3 years of Government very soon. Should we presume that no money is going to come to this Fund and there will be no consensus? I would like to remind the hon. Minister one of his very conspicuous statements wherein he said: Space should be given to me for reforms. Should I take it that the disinvestment process has come to a complete halt even in the case of sick companies?

SHRI R CHIDAMBARAM: No/Sir. NIF is not concerned with sick companies. The NCMP says, attempts will be made to revive the sick companies. If they are chronically sick and cannot be revived, they will be sold so, the sick companies situation does not impact NIF at all. NIF is intended to be the Corpus of a Fund that will be created by disinvesting small portions of equity in profitable Central public sector undertakings. Since there is no consensus on that issue, the Prime Minister put it on hold. It would not be fair on my part to say that it will never happen. All I can say is, for the present, it is on hold.

SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, this particular Fund has not yet accrued. I would like to know from the hon. Minister one thing. Whatever fund was received so far from disinvestment proceeds, must have been used somewhere. What was the amount so far received not in the name of this Fund, but in the past, the fund must have positively been received? Where has it been invested? Where has it been spent?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, prior to the constitution of this Fund, and prior to the decision taken by the Cabinet about NIF, all disinvestment proceeds went into the Consolidated Fund of India, and they have been accounted for in annual financial statement presented to Parliament. There was no separate Fund. It went into the CFI.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 283

Completion of Tillari Irrigation Project

*283. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tillari Irrigation Project in Maharashtra has been completed;

- (b) if so, the land proposed to be irrigated under the project;
- (c) the land presently brought under cultivation, both in Goa and Maharashtra;
- (d) whether the displaced persons have been rehabilitated; and
- (e) if so, the details of scheme for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Tillari Irrigation Project, which is an interest project between Government of Maharashtra and Government of Goa, is in progress.

(b) and (c) The details of the irrigable command area and are under cultivation are given in the following Table.

<i>(in hectare)</i>			
SI.No.	Area	Maharashtra	Goa
1	Total Irrigable Command Area of the project	6676	14521
2	Area under Irrigated cultivation for 2005-06	87.50	446

(d) and (e) As reported by Government of Maharashtra, all the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) have been rehabilitated in rehabilitation Centres as per Government of Maharashtra Rehabilitation Act, 1986. Details of resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) works are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

Statement I

Details of Resettlement and Rehabilitation Works

(i) Status of Rehabilitation

SI.No.	Category	Number
1.	Total number of families	1236

Sl.No	Category	Number
2.	Number of families who have opted to make their own arrangement of Rehabilitation	203
3.	Number of Rehabilitated families	1033
4.	Number of resettlement sites where civic amenities have been provided	8
5.	Number of plots provided	1049
6.	Number of plots distributed to Project Affected Persons	1003
7.	Number of families shifted by May, 2006	1236 (100%)

(ii) Affected Villages are rehabilitated as below:

1. Ainode : Zare-1 and 2
2. Konal (Partly affected) : Zare2
3. Saragave : Zare2
4. Kendre Khurd and Bujurk . Bambarde
5. Pal : Kudase
6. TerwanMedhe : TerwanMedhe
7. Shirange : Khanyale
8. Patye : Sasoi and Sal (Goa State)
9. Mangeli No rehabilitation is required as Houses
10. Hewale are not affected.

(iii) Status of amenities is given below:

Abbreviations: P-Proposed, UP-Under Progress.

Present position of Amenities provided to PAPs												
Village under Submergence	Plot allotted	Open well	Bore well	School	Chavdi Samaj Mandir	Internal Road Km	Electrification	Open gutter Km	W.C unit	Space for cattle	Bus stand Khalwadi	Crema-tion Ground
(1) Pal	89 (Kudase)	1	1	1	1	1.5		3	2	1	1	1
(2) Patye	143(Sasoli) 183 Sal (Goa)	3 1+1P	1 1	1 1	1 1	3.80	2.6	1 7.30	5 2	2 2	-	P 1
(3) Shirange (Khanyale)	290 UP+1P	3+1	2	1	1	6		12	6	1	UP	1UP
(4) Ainode	152 (Zare-I)	1+1P	2	1	1	2.50		5	3	1	1	1
(5) Saragave	102(Zare-II)											
(6) Konal	Zare-II	2	-	-	1	1.80		3.50	3	1	1	UP
(7) Kendre (Kd & Bk)	30 (Bambarde Vijghar)	1	1	1UP	1UP	1UP		2UP	2	1	1	1UP
(8) Terwan Medhe	13 (Terwan medhye)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

(1) Open space is reserved for Khalwadi, Cattle space and Market in rehabilitation villages.

(2) 90% civic amenities in Bambarde Vizghar are completed.

SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Sir, this project is an inter-state project between the Government of Goa and the Government of Maharashtra. At the outset, let me thank the hon. Minister for giving a detailed reply. I would like to know one thing. Since it is an inter-state project, one area from Goa called Sal, was temporarily handed over to Maharashtra for the purpose of rehabilitation. And the Government of Maharashtra has created the infrastructure there and has built colonies for the purpose of rehabilitating the people from Maharashtra. Now, this area has not been handed over by the Government of Maharashtra to Goa. And, secondly, a Joint Committee has to be constituted for the purpose of management of Irrigation Project. For release of water no Committee has been constituted. Why has it not been constituted?

PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Sir, the Tillari Irrigation Project has been in great difficulty in a long-drawn affair of dispute, but, now, it is on the right track. It is getting completed. As for the rehabilitation of people in Sal, it is concerning only 183 families about which the hon. Member has raised queries in the main question. I tried to answer, in detail, the questions raised. Now, it is concerning only 183 families, they have been fully rehabilitated, Sir, and there is no dispute on rehabilitation. As for the transfer of infrastructure, it will be decided as per the agreement between Maharashtra and Goa; they are doing that. There is no dispute on that, and that will happen as per the agreement.

SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: What about the Joint Committee?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Datta Meghe.

SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Sir, what about my second supplementary, Sir? ...*(Interruption)*... We have seen that, as far as these irrigation projects are concerned, you orders nobody obeys now. Various State Governments go ahead with a project irrespective of any order passed by the Water Resources Development Ministry. Therefore, what are you going to do so that your orders in respect of irrigation projects are obeyed by the State Governments? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Sir, it is correct, nobody listens to them. ...*(Interruptions)*...

PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Sir, it is a major question and it is both for the august House and the Standing Committee of the Ministry. I am not a

member; I am not a Chairman of that. They independently have suggested that the water management, as a whole, must be under the Concurrent List; I have nothing to say on that. Yes, sometimes, I feel that I don't have any authority. But this Tillari Project is a classic example of how resources are wasted. It was a couple of crores then, but it is now running into hundreds of crores because of delay. And Goa also has caused the delay. You wanted to change the project in-between. And now, you want to have some drinking water. That was done. But, finally, it is now in shape, and it will be completed in 2009. Yes, the Water Resources Minister is a coordinator. I don't have any authority. Therefore, on a small issue between the two States, for instance between Andhra and Maharashtra, we have to meet next week. But, in the meantime, one of the States went to the court. ...*(Interruption)*... I am not opposing anybody; I am expressing my difficulty. I was sitting between the two Chief Ministers, and we had decided to meet, again, within two weeks, but, in the meantime, I learnt from the Press that one of the parties had gone to the court. Sir, States are sovereign within a sovereign India as far as water resources are concerned. But this Ministry which has a responsibility flowing from the Constitution of India is totally helpless; I agree with the Member. So, something will have to be done, in future, for that.

श्री दत्ता मेघे : सर, मैं आपके माध्यम से माननीय मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि महाराष्ट्र में सिंचाई क्षेत्र 6674 हेक्टेयर है, उसमें से 87.50 हेक्टेयर और गोवा का सिंचाई क्षेत्र 14521 हेक्टेयर हैं, तो यह सिंचाई क्षेत्र आप कब तक प्राप्त करने वाले हैं ? क्योंकि महाराष्ट्र में कम जग है, पैसे आप ज्यादा खर्च कर रहे हैं, वहां पर ज्यादा फायदा है। कम से कम जो काम शुरू हुआ है, इसको कितने दिनों तक आप पूरा करने वाले हैं ?

प्रो० सैफुद्दीन सोज : यह प्रश्न स्टेट के लिए है, इसलिए कि जो पोटेंशियल है, मेरे पास जो फिगरस हैं ...*(व्यवधान)*...

† **پرو فیسر سیف الدین سوز:** یہ پرسن اسٹیٹ کے لئے ہے، اس لئے کہ جو پوٹینشل ہے، میرے پاس جو فیکرس ہیں، ...مداخلت...

††Transliteration in Urdu Script.

श्री दत्ता मेघे : सर, राइटिंग में इनका उत्तर है।

श्री सभापति : ये खुद ही कह रहे हैं कि मेरी अथॉरिटी काम नहीं कर रही है।

प्रो० सैफुद्दीन सोज : मैं अर्ज करूंगा कि जो पोटेंशियल है जो realize करना था, वह गोवा के लिए 14321 हेक्टेयर था और महाराष्ट्र के लिए 6676 हेक्टेयर था। उसके मुकाबले में अभी तक महाराष्ट्र में 87.50 हेक्टेयर हुआ है और गोवा में 446 हेक्टेयर हुआ है, जो बहुत ही कम है। इसकी वजह यह है कि इतने वर्षों में dispute रहा, अब dispute का resolution हुआ है और मेरी उम्मीद है कि इसे भी ज्यादा पोटेंशियल होगा, क्योंकि अल्टीमेट पोटेंशियल बढ़ जाएगा।

†प्रोफیسر سیف الدین سوز: میں عرض کروں گا کہ جو پوٹینشل ہے، جو رٹلائز کرنا تھا، وہ گوا کے لئے 14321 ہیکٹر تھا اور مہاراشٹر کے لئے 6676 ہیکٹر تھا۔ اس کے مقابلے میں ابھی تک مہاراشٹر 87.50 ہیکٹر ہوا ہے اور گوا میں 446 ہیکٹر ہوا ہے، جو بہت ہی کم ہے۔ اس کی وجہ یہ ہے کہ اتنے سالوں میں dispute رہا، اب dispute کا ریزولوشن ہوا ہے اور میری امید ہے کہ اس سے بھی زیادہ پوٹینشل ہوگا، کیوں کہ الٹیمیٹ پوٹینشل بڑھ جائے گا۔

MR. CHAIRMAN: Dr. Malaisamy. You put your question.

DR. K. MALAISAMY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir. Nowadays, inter-State water disputes are very common. While it is so, I would like to know whether you have taken care of the prospective problems that are likely to arise in future. You have got a project between Goa and Maharashtra. We have been listening to a number of inter-State water disputes. You are feeling helpless. In a situation like this, a project like this, as the Central Minister, can you afford to take care now itself of the prospective problems that are likely to arise later?

PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Sir, it is a hypothetical question that whether I can plan beforehand so that there are no disputes between two States. That is why interlinking of the rivers is so important. We are trying, in the peninsular area, to explain to the State to come around and try to use the

†[Transliteration in Urdu Script].

water to the best interests of the nation. But that does not happen because there are different points of view. I can offer my services to assist the States; but I have no authority to impose. As of now, I can't plan in such a way that there would not be any dispute in future. I will try to see that the disputes are solved.

Tenure based appointments in ONGC

*284. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:ff
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether field operators in drilling and work over rigs are being appointed on tenure basis in Western Region in ONGC;

(b) whether there is any provision of tenure basis engagement in the recruitment policy of ONGC;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the policy of tenure basis engagement has been accepted by the concerned unions/associations;

(e) whether the present tenure based appointments against regular posts are as per requirement; and

(f) the terms and conditions of tenure basis appointees?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Recruitment & Promotion Regulation, 1980 of ONGC has a provision for filling up posts by methods, as may be decided by the Corporation. The Board of Directors has approved the policy of engagement of employees on tenure basis.

(d) The Unions have been apprised the rationale and need for the tenure based engagements and the policy of ONGC in the changed business scenario.

††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Tapan Kumar Sen.